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The In Home Support Services (IHSS) Program is a critical component of the public social services programs in Los Angeles County. This important program provides over 100,000 local residents with critical care to enable their independence and dignity by continuing to reside in their own home. A crucial component for the success of the IHSS Program are the providers who support the daily care with compassion and dedication to our elderly and physically disabled populations enrolled in this Program.

In order to maintain the highest level of quality and reliability of the IHSS Program, it is imperative that Los Angeles County maintain competitive and just wages for these providers. Currently, the providers are paid \$8.45 per hour. In light of the importance of the IHSS Program, its cost savings to the State of California and the fact that other jurisdictions have steadily increased their IHSS provider wages over the past several years, it is once again time to revisit this issue and increase wages for IHSS providers.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Allocate \$16.4 million from the County General Fund to be transferred to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) budget to enable the Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) to negotiate an increase of IHSS provider wages up to \$9.00 per hour with a target effective date of March 1, 2007; and

WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THIS BOARD:

Make the allocation and transfer of the \$16.4 million to DPSS for utilization by the PASC contingent upon the State of California's approval to increase its own participation rate which would total an IHSS provider wage increase of up to \$9.00 per hour; and that absent such action by the state, the full allocation of \$16.4 million would revert back to the County's General Fund.